

SPORTS

CHAMPION HEAVYWEIGHT OF THE WORLD PASSES BY

Jack Johnson Smiles on Honolulu, but Has Not Time in Which to Give an Exhibition.

Oh, but that big smile looked good over the bow of the Makura as she came in. There was Lil Arthur standing at the forward end of the first-class parade and by him was his charming wife with an Australian hat and a great longing to see a real American dollar again.

Jack Johnson, the recognized heavyweight champion boxer of the world, arrived on the Makura last night at ten o'clock. He is on his way back to the mainland, and with him is his wife. His sparring partner, Jim Lang, whom he defeated the last time he went to Australia, has gone round the other way, and will meet him in London.

Sam Fitzpatrick was also aboard, but Sam has severed all connection with the big champion and is going back to the States to look after his personal business. It was Sam who took Lil Arthur over to England, who chased Tommy di Brusso all over the Continent, and who eventually arranged the final championship match between Tommy Burns and the present heavyweight champion.

These are Jack Johnson's intentions at present. He will go on to Vancouver by the Makura and will then go on by the C. P. R. to Chicago. He will stay there long enough to say "Howdy!" to the boys. Then he will travel south to visit his mother in Galveston. After that he will go to New York, and thence take boat for the land of referees outside the ring and the best bunch of sporting writers he ever saw.

Here is what Jack says about his future prospects: "I have a bunch of engagements outlined for my London visit that will make the bank-roll clatter and the big rocks glitter. If, on my way East, I hear anybody make a noise like money, I shall stop to listen. If the noise sounds like the real goods, I shall consider. Then, if I find that I am invited to fight anybody in the world with a proper purse put up for the go, I shall defer my intended visit to England and dabble with the said dub long enough to again show that my pretensions to the championship are not based on easy work like my little argument with one Canuck named Tomasso di Brusso."

The big fellow looks to be in excellent condition. He admits that he found the center spot in the boat most of the way over and stuck there. Withal, his sea voyage has done him good and he looks bigger and fitter than he ever did before.

This is the last stage of Jack's trip round the world. On his way through the States he expects to hear from Jim Jeffries, Sam Langford, or Al Kaufmann. He is willing to meet any of them at any time, just so long as the purse is hung up. But Jack feels that he can make good money in the British music halls, an institution very much akin to our vaudeville houses, and he is not going to stay out for any mere bluff at a purse.

Johnson is peeved at the treatment he had in Australia. He states that the boys there are poor losers, and that Burns had them all fixed to believe that he was the real thing. Up to the time of the fight they were all right, says Johnson, but after that, when he had clearly shown how poor their judgment was, they handed him the sipsu lemonous and made a noise like something sour whenever he went by.

The boat will go out this evening early, and there will be no chance for an exhibition. This is a great disappointment, and the fans will miss the chance of their lives to see the big colored fellow go in action the same as when he put Tommy Burns to the bad in jig time.

WRESTLING BOUT NEXT SATURDAY

Roberts and Jornell, the Russian Lion, to Give Great Mat Exhibition.

Will Prestidge has arranged a fine show for the Orpheum next Saturday night. For anybody who likes to watch wrestling it will be a good exhibition. Sailor Roberts, who is well known as a local man of the mat, is matched to go with another sailor, one William Jornell from Russia, who sizes up like a good one and is touted to make things hard for the local champion.

Jornell was born in the same town as Hackenschmidt, Wasenperk (pronounced Vaysenperk) in the northern part of Russia. In that locality wrestling is the great sport. They practice only the Greco-Roman style there and the catch-as-catch-can style is entirely unknown.

From the time that Jornell was a toddling youngster he has learned to wrestle. The Russians are not great on the public school line of education. Patriarchs and plebeians were the two classes when Jornell was growing up and he belonged to the latter. The priests and his parents taught him how to read and write and he had no time like our American kiddies in which to play all kinds of games. He had to work but he found time enough to watch the wrestling matches of the older boys of the town and to learn something about the game when he was not feeding the pigs or doing other chores.

By the time he was eighteen years old he had gained quite a name as a wrestler and had defeated everybody in the locality except the great Hackenschmidt who left the town before Jornell was old enough to get a chance at him.

When he was twenty years old Jornell went to sea. He served in many vessels and in many climes and eventually landed in Honolulu where he decided that the climate suited him and that he could make a better waterfront living here than anywhere else that he knew of.

At present he is working as an expert stevedore and has regular charge of gangs in loading and unloading the vessels that visit this port. This work keeps him in the pink of condition and he has started quite a vogue in wrestling among the workers along the wharves.

Jornell is a man of few words, but he is taking the coming event very seriously and is working like a good one to make himself fit for the bout. Every morning, when he is not due at the wharf early, he goes out on the road and then goes through many hard exercises including skipping rope, dumbbell and stomach movements. He is as hard as nails all over and as light on his feet as a stage dancer. Judging by appearances he should make an excellent showing against our local champion.

Sailor Roberts is well known as a fine athlete to all the sports in town. When Dr. Roller was here there was some pilikia in which Roberts was supposed to have backed up. Since certain reports have reached here from Seattle telling of the way in which the "great" doctor has treated Pete Baron and the awful frost he made of his first appearance in the ring, we may well take it that Roberts was not the one to back up in the proposition.

Roberts is a good wrestler; of that there is no doubt. He is a very husky and heady fellow and knows every trick of the mat. He is not exactly the champion of the world but he is a fitting champion of the islands, and when he goes up against a willing and eager man like the Russian, we may look for a fine exhibition of the game.

For preliminaries Will Prestidge has two good looking events in the boxing line. Kid Terry of the Iroquois and Corporal Bird of Port Shafter will box four rounds at lightweights and Young Sharkey and Soldier McCollough will also go four rounds. Will is to act as referee of the main event and he is surely qualified to fill that position. The preliminaries will be refereed by local boxing talent such as George Peterson and Dick Sullivan.

LOVEDALE HAS TO BE KILLED

Jokey Ferreira is the unlucky kid, all right. He started out with five horses from San Francisco aboard the Arizonan and arrived with only four. These animals were picked up by Charlie David at a bargain and were sent here for sale. The best one of the whole lot, a really fast runner and an easy saddler, was taken seasick off the Golden Gate and went "musth" from the movement of the vessel.

Between trying to stand up to resist the rolling of the floor of his stall and an inclination to lie down and die caused by the seasickness, Lovedale, the colt in question, broke his leg and had to be shot. Lovedale was a three-year-old colt out of a part Hackney breed that made him excellent as a riding horse. The loss will be a bad one for Charlie David, who had an excellent bargain.

The jokey in charge claims that the accident was due to the lack of cleats in the box floor. He showed the writer where he had personally placed

an extra cleat for the companion animal after the colt had been shot. The other four horses look like good ones. There are two pacers and two harness mares that size up like something useful. These will, of course, be strictly quarantined until it is certain that there are no signs of the snuffles.

Coast sellers have an idea that horses with any signs of glanders can be sold for the Hawaiian Islands without fear of detection. Luckily, we have a keen and competent bunch of inspectors here and any horse with the least signs of this insidious mumps will be quickly done away with. There should be some way of getting back at any dishonest trader on the Coast who attempts this trick.

Sport Notes

The regular monthly meeting of the Cupid League will take place next Thursday evening in the Orpheum at seven o'clock. Now all you ball bunters please note the day, the time, and the place and be there so that you won't get fined. Sam Hop take warning.

The Marines will play the league grounds bunch next Saturday afternoon. The game will start about two o'clock and the poor old Prestidges will retire in sad defeat about half past four o'clock. That sounds a long time for a game but the Marines will whack up so many runs that they will need the extra time.

Toughy McCulloch of the Engineers is back again at Waikiki camp after much tramping round the island on surveying work. He is anxious for a go with some lad of his weight and may be put on in one of the preliminaries in the near future.

Reilly is reported to be leaving on the next Alameda. This was published in an afternoon paper but Charlie says that he has not quite made up his mind. If there should be a chance for another go between him and Frankie he may stay. If Charlie does leave he will certainly wear an aureole of cleverness as well as the many leis with which his admirers will cover him.

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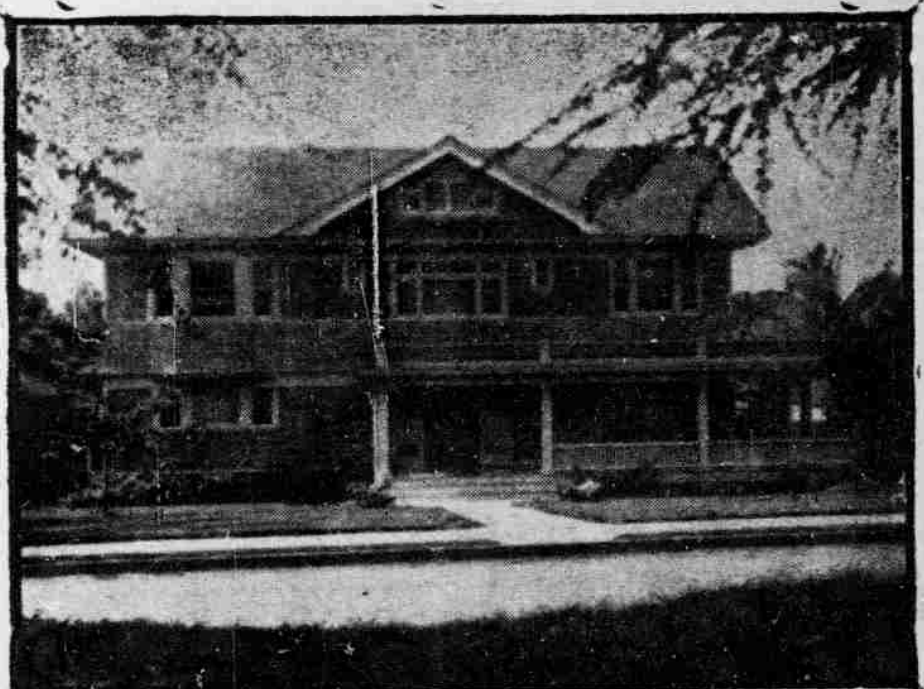
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